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1. A factory producing gliders is situated three miles northeast of Pskov (57°48'N, 28°19'E). This factory, which was previously engaged in the production of Rata aircraft, was badly damaged during the war but completely repaired again by June 1945. A narrow gauge railway built after the end of the war links the works with Pskov and the main line to Leningrad.

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2. Timber is brought to the factory by means of the narrow gauge railway and then cut, planed, prepared for plywood, and polished.

3. Daily production is five to six gliders. Main types produced are training gliders, closed gliders for two persons, and supply carriers with a capacity of up to 10 tons. They are tested at an airfield attached to the works.

4. The factory employs 1,000 workers, mainly ex-Soviet Air Force personnel. The technical director is Air Force Captain Joseph Jékovsky (sic; Jakovlski ?) Hero of the Soviet Union.

Comment: on airfield at Pskov may be the one mentioned in Para. 3 above.)

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